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- Important Notice -
Environmental Regulations and Potential Impacts
Risk Management Plan Submittals are Due June 1, 2004

April 21, 2004

Dear Company Official:

This is to notify you that the Environmental Protection Agency's **Deadline** for Risk Management Plan Updates is **June 21, 2004**. Businesses impacted by this rule are required to up date their Risk Management Plans (RMP's) at least once every 5 years. Based on your previous submittal, your RMP may need to be updated. Section 112(r) of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments contains much of the original discussion, however the Federal regulations were recently revised to include additional data elements, and published in the Federal register on April 9, 2004.

Owners and operators responsible for RMP implementation should review EPA's factsheet "A Checklist for Re-submitting your Risk Management Plan (RMP) for Chemical Accident Prevention". A copy has been enclosed for your reference. Additionally, EPA has provided an electronic software tool "RMP*Submit 2004" for your use in making plan updates. For a copy refer to EPA's website: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/oswer/ceppoweb.nsf/content/RMPS.htm>.

Further, these air quality regulations require businesses that handle identified hazardous substances above certain volumes (thresholds) to develop and implement a program to prevent, detect and respond to chemical accidents. These regulations are designed to help your industry reduce the possibility of an accidental chemical release that could be harmful to the public and the environment.

The State's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) is sending this reminder as a courtesy notification for all RMP submitters. Our program is available to assist small businesses with their efforts to comply with the rule. To contact us, call the SBEAP toll-free at **1-800-734-3619** for help. Details about SBEAP services can be found at (<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/dca/sbeap/>).

Sincerely,

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